



Appling Middle School 2019-2020



“WALK IN RAIDER PRIDE”

Be Prepared, Respectful, Involved, Determined, Excellent

Dress Code

Appling Middle School Dress Code is designed to help students maintain a laser focus on academic achievement in the classroom and the overall school community. Appling Middle School students will follow the dress code requirements as outlined below along with the student dress outlined in the 2019-2020 BIBB County Student Code of Conduct.

Instruction is interrupted when a student has to be seen by an administrator because of inappropriate dress attire. If in the judgment of the administration or staff, a student is dressed inappropriately, the student will be required to change clothing. Students who repeatedly violate the school dress code **“SHALL”** be required to wear a school uniform. See information below.

Appling Middle School students are required to attend school ***dressed in appropriate attire*** which does not disrupt or have the likelihood of disrupting the teaching and learning of others and/or which does not violate the School District’s dress code. We believe that students who are neatly and cleanly dressed often behave better and display a more serious attitude toward the important business of teaching and learning; therefore, all students enrolled at Appling will abide by the dress code. The purpose of the student dress code is not to inhibit any person’s taste in attire, but rather facilitate the process of education through reasonable guidelines of “dress” instilling pride and confidence during the learning process.

General Guidelines for ALL attire

- All clothing must be appropriately sized (not sagging) and worn with the appropriate undergarments which cannot be seen through the garment.
- All clothing must cover the body, with no openings, slits or holes that expose skin or undergarments, cleavage, the mid-section, bare back or other parts of the torso.
- Clothing that is too short or too tight is not allowed.

1. Shirts, Blouses/Tops/T-shirts - Blouses/shirts should be constructed so that the tops of the shoulders are covered (no halter-tops, strapless tops, spaghetti straps, or bare shoulder tops of any type will be allowed). Blouses/shirts that expose any portion of the waist, hips or midriff are not allowed. (If you raise your arms and the stomach shows, the top is not acceptable.) Other blouses/shirts that are not appropriate for school include, but are not limited to, low-cut, see-through, backless, or tube tops. Rips or holes are not allowed in shirts/tops. Boys are not permitted to wear sleeveless shirts.

2. Headgear- Headgear is prohibited to be worn in the building. This includes but not limited to, caps, hats, hoods, bandanas, scarves, wave caps, sweatbands, or any other head covering. Students may wear headbands that are school colors (red, black, gold,). *Exceptions for religious or medical reasons.

3. Shorts/Skirts/Pants- All shorts and skirts must be no shorter than 2 inches above the knee. Slits in skirts cannot be more than 2 inches above the knee. Waistline of shorts/skirts/pants must be on or above the hips with no underwear showing (natural waistline). There should be no rips or holes in pants or shorts. No “pajama” bottoms

or slippers. Students wearing legging or tights will still be held to the same requirements. ***Leggings and tights*** are considered accessories and should not be worn as outer garments/pants. **Belts** must be worn with pants containing loops.

4. **Shoes**- Health regulations and safety factors require that footwear be worn at all times at school. All shoes must have closed toes and heels (thus, no slippers or slides). Tennis shoes should be properly sized with secured shoelaces.

5. **Symbols**- No student clothing shall display words or symbols that advocate or depict violence, drugs, alcohol, sex, illegal gang affiliation or other illegal activity expressed or implied. No student clothing or accessories shall be disruptive or have caused past disruption to the school environment.

6. **Jewelry** or accessories that may be used as weapons are not allowed to be at school. This includes, but is not limited to, spiked rings, spiked bracelets, no removable tooth caps/grills.

7. **Big shirts**, jerseys or other oversized shirts are prohibited. (School athletes can wear school jerseys and uniforms on occasions as addressed in student handbook). Appropriate length shorts and pants must be worn underneath athletic skirts (cheerleading). Appling will have a specified dress code for athletes on game days.

8. **Book bags must be mesh or clear.** No solid book bags allowed. Female students can carry a small hand tote for personal hygiene items.

9. **No Cell phones allowed.** More details provided in the Appling' Student Handbook 2019-2020.

*These rules are subject to updates based on the publication of the Bibb County 2019-2020 code of conduct. Please refer to the 2018-2019 Bibb Code of conduct page 20-21 for the non-permitted items as it relates to the dress code. **The Principal or his/her designee may make exceptions to Appling Middle School's dress code for specific reasons.** An administrator will make the final determination as to the appropriateness.*

Student Dress Code Violations

Note- Any dress code violation that causes a disruption to the learning environment and cannot be corrected to meet the dress code may lead to a student being removed from the learning environment to contact home for a change of clothes.

1st Offense –Written Warning/Teacher contacts parent

2nd Offense – Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent

3rd Offense – Teacher/Student Conference/Teacher contacts parent/Teacher completes a referral to the counselor.

4th Offense – Teacher contacts parent and completes office referral; Student may receive up to 2 days in ISS and SHALL BE PLACED IN A SCHOOL UNIFORM FOR A PERIOD OF TIME ESTABLISHED BY ADMINISTRATION THAT MAY BE UP TO THE DURATION OF THE SCHOOL YEAR.

5TH Offense & Subsequent – Teacher contacts parents and completes an office referral; if the dress violation issue becomes a disruption or repetitious problem, subsequent consequences may escalate to in school suspension of 3-5 days per occurrence. Repetitive dress code violations become a defiance issue, and may receive punishments beyond ISS including required parent meetings, OSS, referrals to SOAR Academy.

“REPEATED DRESS CODE VIOLATIONS WILL RESULT IN TRANSITION TO UNIFORM”